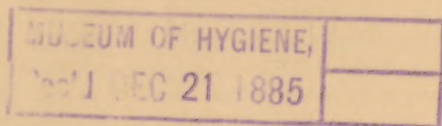


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# An Ordinance to Protect the Public Health.

SECTION I. Be it enacted by the Select and Common Councils of Lancaster city, and it is hereby enacted by the authorities of the same that a "Sanitary Committee of Councils" be, and is hereby established: consisting of two members from each branch of Councils, appointed annually by the Presidents of each branch, whose duty it shall be to assist and co-operate with the Board of Health, whenever called upon by the same, in regard to the Sanitary condition of the city, and also to whom the Board of Health shall present all bills for their approval.

SECTION II. Be it further enacted that the Board of Health of Lancaster city, when appointed by the court as provided for by Act of April 5, 1867, Sec. 39, shall have power to elect a suitable person as "**Health Commissioner**," who shall carry out the provisions of this ordinance to preserve the health of the city. Said Health Commissioner to receive such compensation as Councils may fix upon from time to time, to be paid out of the appropriation by Councils for the use and purposes of the Board of Health.

SECTION III. And be it further enacted, that every Physician shall report to the Board of Health every person having **Small Pox, Varioloid, Cholera, Malignant Diptheria, and Malignant Scarlet Fever**, or any other conta-

jious or infectious disease, and his or her place of dwelling, name if known—such report to be made within twenty-four hours after the development of any of the above diseases, provided such report was not previously made by some other physician.

SECTION IV. And be it further enacted that it shall be the duty of every practicing physician in the city of Lancaster to report in writing to the Board of Health, the death of any of his or her patients who shall have died of any contagious or infectious disease, within twenty-four hours thereafter, and to state in such report the nature and type of the disease.

SECTION V. And be it further enacted that the keepers of all hotels and boarding houses having any person or persons in their hotels or boarding houses suffering from or afflicted with any, contagious or infectious disease, such as mentioned in Section III, of this ordinance, after they shall have been made known of the fact, shall immediately notify the Board of Health, stating the persons name, age, residence, and any other sanitary information they may be in possession of, respecting such person. Any person failing to notify the Board of Health in writing, within twenty-four hours of such case or cases of contagious or infectious disease, after having become aware of the fact, shall be subject to the penalties hereinafter named in Section XII.

SECTION VI. And be it further enacted that no person shall within the city of Lancaster, carry or remove from one building to another any person sick of any contagious or infectious disease, without a permit from the Board of Health.

SECTION VII. And be it further enacted that all bodies of persons who shall have died of contagious or infectious diseases as mentioned in Section III, of this ordinance, shall be buried within twenty-four hours after death, unless extension of time shall have been granted by the Board of Health.

SECTION VIII. And be it further enacted that wherever any contagious or infectious disease is found to exist, the *Health Commissioner* by, and with the authority of the Board of Health, shall use all precaution to prevent the spreading of such diseases, and shall have power, wherever such disease or diseases as are considered contagious or infectious appear to exist, or are to him reported in existence, to give public notice of the existance of the same by displaying a red flag on said infected premises, or by any and all other means which shall be most effectual for the common safety. And furthermore, whoever obstructs the Health commission in using such means to prevent the spreading of the contagion, or willfully removes, defaces or handles the red flags or other precautions thus displayed, shall be subject to such fines and penalties as prescribed in Sec. XII, of this ordinance.

SECTION IX. And be it further enacted, that whenever the Board of Health have just cause to suspect that any baggage, clothing, bedding or goods of any kind found in the city of Lancaster, are infected with any contagious or infectious disease which may be dangerous to the public health, they shall obtain a warrant from the nearest Alderman and have said goods removed to such a place as they may deem best until in the opinion of the Board of Health they are freed from contagion.

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SECTION X. And be it further enacted that all parents and guardians shall cause their children and wards to be vaccinated before they attain the age of one year, and that the Board of Health shall require and enforce the vaccination of all persons residing in the city of Lancaster, and never before vaccinated—and that whenever the Board of Health deem it expedient to properly vaccinate the citizens of Lancaster, they may with the advice and consent of the Sanitary committee appoint Vaccine Physicians to fully carry into effect this part of this ordinance.

SECTION XI. And be it further enacted that whenever any citizens of Lancaster wishes to give information of the existence of a nuisance in any part of the city, he or she shall be required to hand such complaint in writing over his or her own signature to the Health commissioner or Secretary of the Board of Health—such complaint to describe the nature of the nuisance, the location, and the name of occupants, or of owner or owners of properties upon which it exists, and also if any person or persons shall publish or make known, by rumor or report, mischievously or otherwise, the existence of any malignant, contagious or infectious disease in the city of Lancaster, which does not exist, every such person shall be subject to such fines and penalties as shall be hereafter prescribed in Section XII, of this ordinance.

SECTION XII. And be it further enacted that any Physician or person who shall violate, disobey neglect or refuse to comply with, or who shall resist any of the provisions of this ordinance, shall be fined not less than \$25.00, nor more than \$100.00, for each offense—said fines to be collected as other fines are collected by the Board of Health before any Alderman of the city of Lancaster, and the same turned over to the city Treasurer; except that the penalty for refusal to be vaccinated shall not exceed \$10.00, and provided also that the fines mentioned in Section V, shall not exceed \$10.00.

SECTION XIII. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.



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City of Lancaster, Pa.,

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The attention of **PHYSICIANS** is particularly called to those sections of the foregoing Ordinance which define their duties, and their cordial co-operation with the Board of Health is asked and hoped for.

By a resolution of the Board of Health, physicians are requested to make their reports of Contagious Diseases to Doctor Reed, a member of the Board.

For the Board of Health,

C. H. BROWN, M. D.,

SECRETARY.